

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-19 are pending in the captioned application.


The Examiner has required species restrictions of the claims. Applicants elect to prosecute, without traverse, DNA as the "effector nucleic acid", fluorescent protein as the "detectable label", and organic compound as the "modulator".

Applicants hereby withdraw claims 5 and 13 as related to non-elected species. Applicants submit that claims 1-3, 6-12 and 14-19 are generic. Applicants respectfully assert that the claims are in allowable form and earnestly solicit the allowance of the claims 1-4, 6-12 and 14-19.

Early and favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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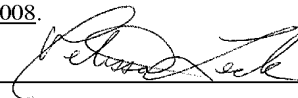
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